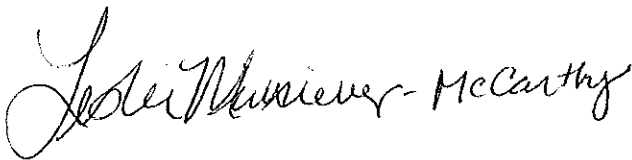


March 12, 2009

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to ask for your support in passing Bill 6666 section 7. This bill will require the services of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst on the team of specialists who work with children with autism spectrum disorders as designated on their Individualized Education Plan. I have spent the past 11 years in both the public and private sector working with children with autism as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and most recently as a certified Speech and Language Pathologist. I have experienced first hand the great need for the direction and planning of quality comprehensive services to children with such a diverse disability. Requiring the position of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst on the team providing services to children with autism is a decision that will benefit not only the children and their families but other members of the team. Thank you for your consideration of passing Bill 6666 section 7.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Michniewicz-McCarthy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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